(b) whether Government propose to speed up the development of this new technology in view of the superiority and cost effectiveness of this technology over the earlier gaseous diffusion technique and centrifugal technique which is useful for future nuclear power plants; and

(c) whether such a project has already been undertaken by the Atomic Energy Commission if so, how long it is expected to take to develop this AVILS technology in the research laboratories of BARC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre keeps itself abreast of different types of enrichment methods.

New Indian Airlines Services in Southern Region

*155. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced a few new Indian Airlines services in Southern Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Summer Schedule effective 1st June, 1985, Indian Airlines have introduced the following new airlinks in the Southern Region :—

(i) Thrice a week B-737 service on the Madras-Banglore-Ahmedabad Bangalore-Madras sectors; and

(ii) Thrice a week Avro service on the Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay-Pune-Hyderabad sectors.

In addition, a daily B-737 service on the sectors Delhi-Hyderabad-Madras-Hyderabad-Delhi has been introduced and the frequency of the B-737 service on sectors Delhi-Goa-Cochin-Trivandrum and back has been stepped up from four days a week to every day.

Drawbacks in implementation of the IRDP

*156. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission have found some drawbacks in implementation of the Integrated Rural Development Programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The Evaluation Study undertaken by the Programme Evaluation Organisation (PEO) of the Planning Commission covered 33 districts in 16 States. The sample size of beneficiaries was 1170 and the number of blocks covered 66. The PEO Report has shown that the IRDP programme has had a positive impact on the income and living standards of the beneficiary house-holds surveyed.

One of the more important findings of the Evaluation Report is that out of the 868 sample beneficiary households initially having an annual income of less than Rs. 3,500, 49.42% were able to achieve an annual income level of Rs. 3,500 and above after their coverage under IRDP. It has also shown that the general awarness of the programme was high among the people. Nearly 90% of the selected sample beneficiaries felt that they had benefited from the programme. A little over 88% of the beneficiaries reported that their income had increased as a result of their coverage under IRDP and almost 90% of